

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2229

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to allow States to adopt alternate and modified standards for students with disabilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ALLOWING STATES TO ADOPT ALTERNATE AND**
4 **MODIFIED STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS WITH**
5 **DISABILITIES.**

6 Section 1111(b)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary
7 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(1)) is amended
8 by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

9 “(B) SAME STANDARDS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The academic
2 standards required by subparagraph (A)
3 shall be the same academic standards that
4 the State applies to all schools and chil-
5 dren in the State, except as provided in
6 clause (ii).

7 “(ii) STUDENTS WITH DISABIL-
8 ITIES.—The State may apply alternate and
9 modified academic standards to students
10 with disabilities who, consistent with the
11 student’s individualized education program,
12 and based on the student’s disability and
13 level of performance, should be provided
14 opportunities to achieve grade-level pro-
15 ficiency beyond a given school year. The al-
16 ternate and modified academic standards
17 shall reflect ambitious annual goals for at-
18 tainment by the students with disabil-
19 ities.”.

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